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# Klein Wrote Letters for Dodd

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Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.), who flew to West Germany in 1964 to rescue some fat fees for the Julius Klein public relations firm, is now telling friends he never carried out the written instructions he received from Klein.

Evidence to the contrary was supposed to have been destroyed. However, this column has seen the evidence, which is still available in case the Senate Ethics Committee should wish to inspect it.

Klein drew up a list of German leaders who might influence the renewal of his contracts, plus detailed instructions on how to approach each one. Dodd took these instructions with him to Germany and visited nearly everyone on the list.

Afterward, to make sure the German leaders were properly impressed, Klein prepared follow-up letters for the Senator to sign.

On Aug. 15, 1964, for example, Klein wrote a remarkable letter to his friend in the Senate. Across the bottom is scrawled in longhand: "Please destroy this letter. I made no copy."

Klein asked Dodd to congratulate Dr. Ludger Westrick on his promotion to the West German cabinet and to add a

couple of paragraphs of praise for Klein.

## Secret Letter

"To save you time," wrote Klein helpfully, "I am enclosing herewith a rough draft. Maybe you want to paraphrase it and add a little bit about the President's stand on Vietnam, especially since Westrick is a 100 per cent believer in your strong policy."

"Both Westrick and Speaker McCormack have the same decoration from the Vatican. They are good friends. The Speaker, too, went out of his way with Westrick to give me a big boost."

"You remember you met Westrick at Ambassador McGhee's party in Bonn and also again in Washington when he was there with Chancellor Erhard. If I am not mistaken, Mrs. Dodd sat next to Westrick at the White House affair. Maybe you want to include her good wishes in your letter to Westrick."

"Please get the letter out on Monday. You can say that you were so burdened with various foreign relations problems and are only now trying to catch up with your correspondence . . ."

## Dodd's Ghostwriter

Without changing a word, Dodd transcribed on his Senate stationery the draft prepared by Klein.

"It was indeed a pleasure to see you in Bonn and also

recently in Washington," Dodd wrote to Westrick on Sept. 11, 1964, as Klein had dictated. "I saw General Klein recently who, as you know, works hand in hand with all of us. He has the confidence of my Democratic and Republican colleagues and is especially close to our leaders."

"It is for this reason that we all regretted the distortions in the German press and the slander which originated in the press behind the Iron Curtain as General Klein has been rendering a great service not only to our nation but also to your country. His advice has always been most valuable to us Democrats as it was and is to his Republican friends."

Back from Westrick came a reply in German, dated Oct. 17, 1964. Dodd forwarded it to Klein, who returned it with an English translation.

"I am sincerely happy and pleased to receive your congratulations," acknowledged Westrick. "I was extremely interested in hearing your opinion on General Julius Klein . . . Mr. Klein visited me recently, but we have not yet reached a result that is to his satisfaction."

The result Klein wanted, presumably, was to get Westrick's support for renewal of his \$150,000-a-year contract. To speed up the result, Klein asked the Senator from Con-

necticut to write still another letter.

## Klein Keeps Pushing

"My dear Tom," wrote Klein on Nov. 21, 1964, "I am grateful to you because apparently your discussion and letter got the ball rolling again even though the matter has not been settled as yet. At least I hope it will not be filed and forgotten."

"Therefore, I am taking the liberty of preparing for your consideration a draft of a letter I wish you would send in reply. It will be very helpful in getting this matter straightened out once and for all."

Senator Dodd mailed this letter to Westrick, too, word for word as Klein had written it for him.

"I note that you had a visit with General Klein," the letter stated.

## 'Purely Unselfish'

"I assure you that my and my colleagues' friendship and my desire to underline General Klein's value as adviser and counsel is a purely unselfish one, and it is based on our feelings that he is an understanding bridge between our countries."

Thus a United States Senator permitted himself to be used to persuade a German cabinet officer that Julius Klein, a registered West German agent, had special influence in Washington.

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